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SUBJECT: FMG RECOGNISES MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA

1. RADIO AND PRESS REPORTING DECISION FMG TO RECOGNIZE
MPLA AS LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA. CALLING FOR WITHDRAWAL
OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANGOLA, FMG SAID IT COULD NO LONGER
ATTEMPT RECONCILE WARRING LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BECAUSE OF
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FOREIGN INTERVENTION. FMG STATEMENT CITED SOUTH AFRICAN

COLLABORATION WITH FORCES FIGHTING MPLA AS PRIMARY REASON FMG
DECISION. WITHOUT NAMING NAMES, STATEMENT ALSO REFERS TO
VIOLATION OF ANGOLAN BORDERS BY OAU MEMBER COUNTRY.

2. COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QTE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TO RECOGNISE THE MPLA
GOVERNMENT AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA, TRULY
REPRESENTING THE INTEREST OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE. IT IS NO
LONGER POSSIBLE TO PURSUE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POLICY OF
RECONCILIATION OF THE WARRING PARTIES SINCE DIVISIVE INTERNA-
TIONAL FORCES HAVE MADE DEEP IN-ROADS INTO THE FIGHTING IN
ANGOLA. THERE IS NOW ABUNDANT EVIDENCE OF THE DIRECT INVOLVEMENT
OF RACIST SOUTH AFRICA'S TROOPS IN THE CONFLICT. THE FACTIONS
FIGHTING AGAINST MPLA ARE BACKED NOT ONLY BY SOUTH AFRICA BUT BY
OTHER INTERESTS WHICH ARE CLEARLY AGAINST ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE
AND FREEDOM IN AFRICA. AND FOR THIS REASON, NIGERIA HAS TO TAKE
THE STAND TO RECOGNIZE MPLA AS THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF
ANGOLA. AS A MEMBER OF OAU COMMITTED TO FIGHTING RACISM AND
SUPPORTING ANGOLAN INDEPENDENCE, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT CONDEMNS
IN VERY STRONG TERMS THIS COLLABORATION WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN
REGIME AND ITS BACKERS WHOSE INTERESTS RUN AGAINST THE INTEREST OF
ANGOLAN PEOPLE AS A WHOLE. THE OAU CHARTER UPHOLDS THE INVIO-
LABILITY OF BORDERS AND WE ARE WITNESSING IN THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT A
VIOLATION OF THIS PROVISION OF THE CHARTER BY A MEMBER COUNTRY.
IN THE INTEREST OF OAU SOLIDARITY SUCH VIOLATION SHOULD NOT
BE ALLOWED AND IT IS THE DUTY OF ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES TO
PRESERVE THIS SOLIDARITY IN THE FACE OF THE CURRENT THREAT
TO IT. THE PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS AND ALIGNMENT OF FORCES
IS A THREAT NOT ONLY TO ANGOLA BUT TO WORLD PEACE. ALL FOREIGN
TROOPS MUST LEAVE ANGOLA AND ALL FOREIGN INTERESTS FOSTERING THE
DIVISION IN ANGOLA MUST STOP SUCH ACTIVITIES. THE CURRENT
EVENT IN ANGOLA MUST BE SEEN IN ITS RIGHT PERSPECTIVE-NOT JUST
FIGHTING BETWEEN FACTIONS IN ANGOLA BUT FIGHTING BETWEEN RACIST
SOUTH AFRICA WITH THEIR BACKERS AND MPLA. SOUTH AFRICA AND
OTHER SUPPORTERS OF RACISM IN AFRICA WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE
FOR THEIR CRIMINAL ACTS IN ANGOLA. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS
COMMITTED TO SEEING THAT PERPETRATORS OF THESE CRIMES ARE MADE
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